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## GREAT SHEARWATER FOUND IN PARKING LOT: FIRST TENNESSEE RECORD

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On 11 August 2005, an injured Great Shearwater (*Puffinus gravis*) was found in the parking lot of the Kenwood Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The bird had a broken leg and was taken for treatment to Walden's Puddle, a rehabilitation center in Nashville.

Denise Weyer, a Walden's Puddle volunteer, emailed me about this bird and sent photos. She asked that I confirm the identification of the bird as a Great Shearwater. I did not examine the bird personally.

The narrow, thin, long black bill with the characteristic nare structure identified this as a shearwater. The combination of bill color, overall chocolate brown upperparts, nearly complete white collar around the neck, dusky belly patch, and small amount of white in the upper tail coverts is not shared with any other species of tubenose.

I have extensive experience with this species as I am a leader and regular participant on Brian Patterson's pelagic trips out of Hatteras, North Carolina, where this species is regular during the warmer months. The shearwater ultimately died. David Vogt prepared this bird as a study specimen, and it is now in the collection of the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. The photos taken by Denise Weyer were provided to the Tennessee Bird Records Committee and clearly establish the identification of the Great Shearwater.

NOTE: The editors have chosen to include the previously unpublished details of this record due to its historical significance.

# 2011 TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRADITIONAL SPRING COUNT

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The Traditional Spring Bird Count is conducted on dates other than the North American Migration Count date. The individual counts may cover more than one county and more than one day. This year the count total was 201 species. Mild weather was the norm this year with rain only in White County. Temperatures ranged from a chilly 37° F in Cumberland County to a warm 83° F in Overton County.

This year's highlight was a longspur species found on the Knox County count that was thought to be a Smith's Longspur. The bird was found but quickly flushed and could not be re-located for positive identification. Also of note are the 44 Canada Warblers at Elizabethton, a result of increased effort at high elevations.

## COUNT SUMMARY

**Columbia (Mayfield-Gray Chapter)** – 29 and 30 April. Weather: clear to partly cloudy; wind 6-10 mph; 50-76° F. Observers: Phyllis Coble, Tommy Edwards (compiler: 896 Iron Bridge Rd., Columbia, TN 38401; Tommy.Edwards@state.tn.us), Dr. William Jernigan and Allyn Lay.

**Cumberland County** – 7 May; 0345-1930. Weather: clear in the morning, cloudy in the afternoon; wind SW 0-10 mph; 37-71° F. Observers: Brad L. Beatty, Nan E. Beesley, Douglas A. Downs, Annell S. Fields, Janie C. Finch, Edmund K. LeGrand (compiler: 1631 Leffle Webb Rd., Crossville, TN 38572; elegrand@frontiernet.net), Joseph E. Mast, Michael P. O'Rourke, Michelle S. O'Rourke, Thomas M. Saya, DJ Stanley, Barbara H. Stedman, Stephen J. Stedman and Winston A. Walden.

**DeKalb County** – 18 May, 0515-1915. Weather: partly cloudy to overcast with mist; wind 0-10 mph; 61-64° F. Observers: Judy C. Fuson, Peggy Huffstetler, Michael J. Hawkins (compiler – 1563 Love Colony Road, Smithville, TN 37166; mjhawk@dtccom.net), Thomas M. Saya, Stephen J. Stedman, Winston A. Walden, Carol D. Williams and Don Williams.

**Elizabethton** – 30 April; 0400-2130. Weather: clear and calm all day; 38-78° F. The count area includes Carter County plus parts of adjacent Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties. Observers: Fred Alsop, James L. Anderson, Jim D. Anderson, Rob Biller, Gilbert Derouen, Marcy Dunaway, Mark Dunaway, Glen Eller, Harry Lee Farthing, Paul Haynes, Jacki Hinshaw, Chris Hitechew, Rick Knight (compiler: 804 N. Hills Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604; rknight8@earthlink.net), Roy Knispel, Tom Laughlin, Richard Lewis, Joanna Magner, Joe McGuiness, Tom McNeil, Charles Moore, Eric Noblet, Kathy Noblet, Brookie Potter, Jean Potter, Nora Schubert, Bryan Stevens, Peggy Stevens, Kim

Stroud, Gary Wallace and Elise Wolf.

**Greeneville** – 7 May; 0600-2000. Weather: clear and calm in the morning to partly cloudy; wind SW 0-11 mph; 40-70° F. Observers: Ben Britton, Cindi Britton, Mark Britton, Orland Britton, Phine Britton, Jim Holt (compiler- 311 Colonial Circle, Greeneville, TN 37745; jimbouh@comcast.net), Don Miller, Jean Obrist, JoAnn Routledge and Larry Routledge.

**Highland Rim** – 16 April; 0630-1855. Weather; clear with wind 0-10 mph; 40-75° F. Observers: Dwain Adams, Joyce Adams, Don Davidson, John Lamb, Ruth Luckado, Vida Sherwood and Amy Sliger. Non-participating compiler: LouAnn Partington (92 Maple Ave., Tullahoma, TN 37388; louannpartington@yahoo.com).

**Knoxville** – 1 May; 0530-1930; 2345-2400. Weather: cloudy then clear in the afternoon; wind SW 0-10 mph; 57-77° F. Observers: Frank Bills, Eric Bodker, Sharon Bostick, Billie Cantwell, Peter Capobianco, Howard Chitwood, Gail Clendenen, Steve Clendenen, Terry Crowe, K. Dean Edwards (compiler: 1615 Meadow Chase Ln., Knoxville, TN 37931; kde@angst.engr.utk.edu), Carole Gobert, Paul Hartigan, Angela Hoffman, Susan Hoyle, James Human, Tony King, Al Kolak, Sandy Kolak, Oliver Lang, Ed Manous, Jason Mitchell, Kelly Moran, Mike Nelson, Truett Patterson, Kelly Roy, Jason Sturner, David Trently and Shane Williams.

**Nashville** – 7 May; 0530-2030. Weather; clear in the morning, light rain in the afternoon; wind SW 8-10 mph; 50-73° F. The count area covers parts of Cheatham, Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner and Williamson counties. Observers: Kristy Baker, Sandy Bivens, Scott Block (co-compiler: sblock01@comcast.net), David Buchanan, Jean Buchanan, Ed Byrne, Drake Calton, Margaret Cameron, Richard Conners, Tom Corcoran, Camille Crenshaw, Francis Fekel, Heather Gallagher, Ed Gleaves, Greg Greenhow, Sherlene Greenhow, Mark Hackney, Barbara Harris, Susan Hollyday, Margaret Howell, Tom Johnston, Linda Kelly, Tony Lance, Jim Nance, Cyndi Routledge, Steve Routledge, Ed Schneider, Sarah Scott, Jan Shaw (co-compiler: 5019 Timberhill Dr., Nashville, TN 37211; JanKshaw@aol.com), Sheila Shay, Chris Sloan, Scott Somershoe, Joe Stone, Sabin Thompson, Chloe Walker, Joanna Walker, Miriam Walker, LinnAnn Welch and Mary Zimmerman.

**Overton County** – 30 April; 0442-2027. Weather: clear; wind 0-15 mph; 42-83° F. Observers: Douglas A. Downs, Edmund K. LeGrand, Michael P. O'Rourke, Thomas M. Saya, Barbara H. Stedman, Stephen J. Stedman (compiler: 2675 Lakeland Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506; sstedman@tntech.edu) and Winston A. Walden.

**White County** – 3 May; 0425-1730. Weather: overcast and rainy; wind 0-5 mph; 46-64° F. Observers: Douglas A. Downs (compiler: 403 Gillen Dr., Sparta, TN 38583; douglas_downs@hotmail.com), Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Peggy B. Huffstetler, Edmund K. LeGrand, Michael P. O'Rourke, Thomas M. Saya, Barbara H. Stedman and Stephen J. Stedman.

2011 SPRING COUNT

| County name<br>Species | *Columbia* | *Cmbrlnd* | *Elizabethton* | *Greeneville* | *Highland Rim* | *Knoxville* | *Nashville* | *Overton.* | *White* | *TOTALS* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canada Goose | 34 | 131 | 302 | 159 | 31 | 93 | 190 | 130 | 99 | 1169 |
| Wood Duck | 26 | 33 | 46 | 8 | - | 23 | 52 | 35 | 61 | 284 |
| Gadwall | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| American Black Duck | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Mallard | 4 | 42 | 92 | 18 | 7 | 23 | 103 | 11 | 33 | 333 |
| Blue-winged Teal | 7 | - | 6 | 3 | 17 | 6 | 16 | 10 | 5 | 70 |
| Northern Shoveler | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Ring-necked Duck | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 7 |
| Bufflehead | - | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Hooded Merganser | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Northern Bobwhite | 10 | 18 | 3 | 8 | - | 7 | 23 | 14 | 10 | 93 |
| Ruffed Grouse | - | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| Wild Turkey | 51 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 5 | 10 | 50 | 10 | 37 | 217 |
| Common Loon | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 7 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 14 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 2 | - | 2 | - | 3 | - | 4 | 1 | - | 12 |
| Horned Grebe | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 3 | - | 6 | - | 3 | 41 | 151 | - | - | 204 |
| Great Blue Heron | 29 | 7 | 28 | 15 | 11 | 48 | 166 | 7 | 13 | 324 |
| Great Egret | 4 | - | 1 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 14 | - | 2 | 51 |
| Snowy Egret | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Little Blue Heron | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Cattle Egret | - | - | - | - | 17 | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| Green Heron | 5 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 12 | 4 | 12 | 80 |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 18 | - | - | 19 |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 7 | - | - | 10 |
| Black Vulture | 44 | 1 | 33 | 40 | 21 | 20 | 248 | 12 | 89 | 508 |
| Turkey Vulture | 48 | 81 | 122 | 45 | 23 | 15 | 79 | 71 | 45 | 529 |
| Osprey | 1 | - | 13 | - | - | 9 | 5 | - | 2 | 30 |
| Bald Eagle | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | - | - | 16 |
| Northern Harrier | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | - | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 21 |
| Accipiter sp. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 1 | 8 | - | - | - | 9 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 38 |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 1 | 16 | 4 | - | - | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 33 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 26 | 15 | 21 | 10 | 6 | 21 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 128 |
| American Kestrel | 3 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 5 | - | 12 | 14 | 15 | 74 |
| Virginia Rail | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Sora | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| American Coot | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 24 | - | 1 | 7 | - | 45 |
| Semipalmated Plover | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 5 |
| Killdeer | 7 | 39 | 44 | 17 | 9 | 11 | 47 | 42 | 38 | 254 |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 4 | 8 | 33 | 16 | - | 5 | 33 | 8 | 7 | 114 |
| Solitary Sandpiper | 3 | 32 | 40 | 17 | - | 20 | 18 | 15 | 46 | 191 |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 2 | - | 4 | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | 17 | 29 |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 2 | - | 10 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 53 | 97 |
| Least Sandpiper | - | 8 | 8 | 2 | - | 12 | 58 | - | 6 | 94 |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 19 | 21 |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Wilson's Snipe | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 5 | 10 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| American Woodcock | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| Ring-billed Gull | - | - | 12 | - | - | - | 29 | - | - | 41 |
| Caspian Tern | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Forster's Tern | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | - | - | 17 |
| Rock Pigeon | 3 | 90 | 1589 | 58 | - | 42 | 46 | 16 | 56 | 1900 |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 4 | 18 | 39 |
| Mourning Dove | 135 | 208 | 187 | 150 | 25 | 212 | 170 | 182 | 220 | 1489 |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | - | 3 | 2 | - | - | 8 | 11 | 2 | - | 26 |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Barn Owl | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Eastern Screech Owl | 4 | 5 | 7 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 25 |
| Great Horned Owl | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 5 | 4 | 1 | 18 |
| Barred Owl | 2 | 6 | 6 | - | - | 4 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 47 |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Common Nighthawk | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 4 | - | 2 | 12 |
| Chuck-will's-widow | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 28 |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | - | 63 | 33 | 16 | - | - | 2 | 5 | 19 | 138 |
| Chimney Swift | 5 | 52 | 230 | 38 | - | 114 | 116 | 49 | 6 | 610 |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 11 | 6 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 92 |
| Belted Kingfisher | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | - | 10 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 42 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 8 | 31 | 3 | 8 | 3 | - | 4 | 13 | 6 | 76 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 16 | 69 | 51 | 40 | 3 | 73 | 77 | 66 | 29 | 424 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 5 | 15 | 23 | 10 | 2 | 31 | 35 | 13 | 6 | 140 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | 11 | 5 | 2 | - | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 32 |
| Northern Flicker | 2 | 40 | 19 | 8 | - | 16 | 9 | 18 | 9 | 121 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 5 | 46 | 46 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 30 | 21 | 13 | 173 |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | 5 | 44 | 2 | 18 | - | 1 | 61 | 17 | 4 | 152 |
| Acadian Flycatcher | 1 | 12 | 14 | 5 | - | 2 | 21 | 24 | 28 | 107 |
| Willow Flycatcher | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| Least Flycatcher | - | 1 | 12 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 15 |
| Eastern Phoebe | 13 | 40 | 63 | 10 | - | 25 | 31 | 31 | 37 | 250 |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 15 | 41 | 8 | 24 | 1 | 14 | 47 | 35 | 9 | 194 |
| Eastern Kingbird | 18 | 78 | 90 | 36 | 4 | 37 | 84 | 67 | 53 | 467 |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Loggerhead Shrike | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| White-eyed Vireo | 17 | 82 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 16 | 56 | 67 | 54 | 313 |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | 3 | 41 | 5 | 6 | - | - | 6 | 29 | 10 | 100 |
| Blue-headed Vireo | - | 44 | 56 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 5 | 113 |
| Warbling Vireo | 5 | - | 6 | 2 | - | 3 | 17 | 7 | - | 40 |
| Philadelphia Vireo | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 3 |
| Red-eyed Vireo | 16 | 504 | 230 | 41 | 9 | 60 | 119 | 343 | 139 | 1461 |
| Blue Jay | 49 | 120 | 141 | 81 | 20 | 151 | 123 | 87 | 49 | 821 |
| American Crow | 47 | 298 | 271 | 98 | 62 | 196 | 97 | 191 | 203 | 1463 |
| Common Raven | - | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Horned Lark | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | 2 | 9 |
| Purple Martin | 46 | 146 | 76 | 121 | - | 18 | 58 | 133 | 295 | 893 |
| Tree Swallow | 5 | 106 | 325 | 35 | 20 | 61 | 22 | 56 | 107 | 737 |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | 2 | 54 | 123 | 32 | 7 | 44 | 76 | 38 | 32 | 408 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bank Swallow | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5 |
| Cliff Swallow | 60 | 4 | 270 | 57 | 11 | 17 | 364 | 3 | 6 | 792 |
| Barn Swallow | 27 | 300 | 183 | 96 | 13 | 85 | 151 | 194 | 461 | 1510 |
| Carolina Chickadee | 25 | 104 | 74 | 33 | 9 | 135 | 122 | 46 | 35 | 583 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 27 | 163 | 86 | 64 | 18 | 105 | 125 | 112 | 74 | 774 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | - | 1 | 12 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 6 | 30 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 35 | 14 | 5 | 123 |
| Brown-headed Nuthatch | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Brown Creeper | - | - | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Carolina Wren | 24 | 136 | 91 | 73 | 13 | 170 | 98 | 124 | 65 | 794 |
| House Wren | 3 | 18 | 49 | 24 | - | 7 | 3 | 20 | 4 | 128 |
| Winter Wren | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 6 |
| Sedge Wren | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| Marsh Wren | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 9 | 158 | 65 | 18 | 2 | 51 | 108 | 108 | 49 | 568 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | 10 |
| Eastern Bluebird | 41 | 192 | 131 | 74 | 20 | 110 | 162 | 191 | 127 | 1048 |
| Veery | - | 3 | 20 | 1 | - | - | 7 | 1 | 2 | 34 |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 12 | - | 1 | 14 |
| Swainson's Thrush | - | 19 | - | 3 | - | 11 | 125 | 9 | 2 | 169 |
| Hermit Thrush | - | - | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Wood Thrush | 6 | 97 | 85 | 11 | - | 32 | 31 | 56 | 32 | 350 |
| American Robin | 33 | 525 | 521 | 200 | 30 | 290 | 188 | 213 | 190 | 2190 |
| Gray Catbird | 5 | 26 | 47 | 19 | - | 21 | 27 | 12 | 9 | 166 |
| Northern Mockingbird | 42 | 140 | 116 | 97 | 27 | 169 | 163 | 161 | 94 | 1009 |
| Brown Thrasher | 11 | 82 | 29 | 30 | 7 | 54 | 31 | 48 | 25 | 317 |
| European Starling | 118 | 625 | 731 | 513 | 126 | 671 | 657 | 525 | 1027 | 4993 |
| American Pipit | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 6 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 70 | 10 | 2 | 53 | 174 |
| Longspur sp. | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Blue-winged Warbler | - | 11 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 24 |
| Golden-winged Warbler | - | 2 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 10 |
| Tennessee Warbler | 2 | 11 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 163 | 19 | 2 | 199 |
| Nashville Warbler | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | 16 | 5 | - | 26 |
| Northern Parula | 2 | 21 | 27 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 28 | 29 | 12 | 133 |
| Yellow Warbler | 3 | 18 | 18 | 5 | - | 6 | 24 | 25 | 13 | 112 |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | - | 25 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 25 | - | 3 | 103 |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 13 | 3 | - | 30 |
| Cape May Warbler | - | 20 | 1 | 3 | - | 10 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 43 |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | - | - | 120 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 122 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 7 | 33 | 48 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 37 | 10 | 2 | 172 |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | 2 | 33 | 100 | 8 | - | 8 | 22 | 20 | 7 | 200 |
| Blackburnian Warbler | - | 4 | 12 | - | - | - | 6 | 3 | 1 | 26 |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1 | 56 | 14 | 1 | - | 1 | 10 | 38 | 21 | 142 |
| Pine Warbler | - | 21 | 6 | 1 | - | 5 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 60 |
| Prairie Warbler | 4 | 82 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 44 | 64 | 29 | 249 |
| Palm Warbler | 10 | 17 | 1 | - | - | 3 | 11 | 4 | - | 46 |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | - | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 28 | - | - | 32 |
| Blackpoll Warbler | 1 | 42 | - | 1 | - | 5 | 422 | 5 | 3 | 479 |
| Cerulean Warbler | - | 12 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | 16 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Black-and-white Warbler | 2 | 84 | 70 | - | 1 | 8 | 7 | 24 | 25 | 221 |
| American Redstart | - | 32 | 12 | 5 | - | 18 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 84 |
| Prothonotary Warbler | 4 | - | - | 3 | - | 8 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 29 |
| Worm-eating Warbler | - | 18 | 7 | - | 2 | 5 | 22 | 23 | 12 | 89 |
| Swainson's Warbler | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Ovenbird | - | 183 | 142 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 22 | 113 | 50 | 535 |
| Northern Waterthrush | 2 | 6 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 21 | 4 | 7 | 44 |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | - | 16 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 73 |
| Kentucky Warbler | 3 | 29 | 3 | 7 | - | 4 | 21 | 39 | 16 | 122 |
| Connecticut Warbler | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Mourning Warbler | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Common Yellowthroat | 15 | 125 | 21 | 55 | 6 | 160 | 93 | 151 | 49 | 675 |
| Hooded Warbler | - | 168 | 171 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 19 | 70 | 35 | 482 |
| Wilson's Warbler | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| Canada Warbler | - | 1 | 44 | 2 | - | - | 5 | 1 | 1 | 54 |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 13 | 104 | 5 | 21 | - | 30 | 62 | 77 | 27 | 339 |
| Eastern Towhee | 22 | 122 | 128 | 47 | 12 | 159 | 105 | 82 | 46 | 723 |
| American Tree Sparrow | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 14 | 166 | 115 | 53 | 4 | 12 | 31 | 137 | 107 | 639 |
| Field Sparrow | 24 | 127 | 61 | 73 | 8 | 148 | 147 | 94 | 49 | 731 |
| Vesper Sparrow | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Savannah Sparrow | 16 | 13 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 20 | 5 | 105 |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | - | 12 | 4 | 20 | - | 6 | 10 | 16 | 14 | 82 |
| Henslow's Sparrow | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Song Sparrow | 4 | 208 | 248 | 100 | 6 | 91 | 24 | 125 | 80 | 886 |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Swamp Sparrow | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 21 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 10 | 3 | 28 | 6 | 15 | 20 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 109 |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 4 | 3 | 20 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 8 | - | 68 |
| Dark-eyed Junco | - | - | 90 | 10 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 101 |
| Summer Tanager | 20 | 70 | 2 | 9 | - | 10 | 89 | 78 | 13 | 291 |
| Scarlet Tanager | 7 | 110 | 67 | 9 | 4 | 34 | 38 | 63 | 23 | 355 |
| Northern Cardinal | 64 | 254 | 211 | 106 | 33 | 310 | 332 | 236 | 166 | 1712 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 4 | 14 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 31 | 8 | 6 | 106 |
| Blue Grosbeak | 5 | 39 | 4 | 20 | - | 17 | 23 | 53 | 51 | 212 |
| Indigo Bunting | 30 | 431 | 148 | 161 | - | 285 | 259 | 267 | 112 | 1693 |
| Dickcissel | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | - | 21 | 4 | 9 | 38 |
| Bobolink | - | 16 | - | - | - | - | 21 | 7 | 86 | 130 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 56 | 448 | 425 | 155 | 17 | 117 | 195 | 295 | 342 | 2050 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 28 | 227 | 94 | 117 | 17 | 43 | 84 | 226 | 162 | 998 |
| Common Grackle | 72 | 113 | 300 | 174 | 73 | 216 | 130 | 87 | 141 | 1306 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 21 | 88 | 84 | 48 | 22 | 108 | 115 | 95 | 96 | 677 |
| Orchard Oriole | 12 | 50 | 35 | 35 | - | 23 | 41 | 105 | 37 | 338 |
| Baltimore Oriole | - | 5 | 15 | 7 | - | 5 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 53 |
| Purple Finch | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| House Finch | 5 | 59 | 34 | 32 | 5 | 49 | 35 | 24 | 19 | 262 |
| Red Crossbill | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Pine Siskin | - | 2 | 8 | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 13 |
| American Goldfinch | 38 | 142 | 235 | 45 | 21 | 100 | 94 | 49 | 40 | 764 |
| House Sparrow | 17 | 91 | 93 | 22 | 5 | 50 | 96 | 125 | 110 | 609 |
| Total individuals | 1787 | 9418 | 10542 | 4042 | 964 | 5800 | 8356 | 6828 | 6417 | 54154 |
| Total Species | 123 | 140 | 153 | 124 | 86 | 139 | 158 | 140 | 142 | 201 |

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| County name<br>Species | *Columbia* | *Cmbrlnd* | *Elizabethton* | *Greeneville* | *Highland Rim* | *Knoxville* | *Nashville* | *Overton.* | *White* | *TOTALS* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Observers | 4 | 14 | 30 | 10 | 7 | 28 | 39 | 7 | 9 | 148 |
| Parties | 3 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 65 |
| Party Hours | 42 | 68.25 | 80 | 40.5 | 11.6 | 73.53 | 79.75 | 48.75 | 56.75 | 501.13 |
| Hours by car | 21.5 | 61.25 | - | 28.5 | 9.7 | 19.07 | 29.75 | 43.5 | 54.25 | 267.52 |
| Hours on foot | 20.5 | 7 | - | 12 | 1.9 | 54.47 | 50 | 5.25 | 2.5 | 153.62 |
| Hours by boat or other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miles by car | 439 | 539 | - | 302 | 174 | 315.1 | 368.5 | 446.5 | 517 | 3101.1 |
| Miles on foot | 13 | 6.25 | - | 9 | 3.5 | 37.05 | 29.5 | 2.25 | 3 | 103.55 |
| Miles by boat or other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hours Owling | 4 | 3.45 | 8.5 | 1.5 | - | 2.08 | 1.25 | 2.5 | 3.25 | 26.53 |
| Miles Owling | 42 | 54 | - | 30 | - | 13 | 10.25 | 41 | 40 | 230.25 |
| Feeder Watchers | - | - | - | 5 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 9 |
| Feeder Hours | - | - | - | 12 | 3.7 | 11 | - | - | - | 26.7 |

# 2011 TENNESSEE SPRING NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT 14 MAY 2011

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The Spring North American Migration Count (NAMC) is held on the second Saturday in May. No new species were found this year leaving the all-time total species for this count at 264. Half the counts experienced some precipitation, and temperatures were mild, ranging from 55-73°F.

The following species were recorded in record or very high numbers for this count: Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and Long-billed Dowitcher.

## COUNTY SUMMARIES
## F/Y=feeder or yard watcher

**Anderson County** – 0450-1825. Weather: overcast in the morning turning partly cloudy in the afternoon with occasional light sprinkle; wind 0-5 mph; 55-68° F. Hooded Merganser and Northern Harrier were new species for this count. The Hooded Merganser had 4 chicks; a rare breeding record for eastern Tennessee. Observers: Frank Bills, Sharon Bostick, Ron Hoff (compiler: 282 Hackworth Ln., Clinton, TN 37716; aves7000@bellsouth.net), Dollyann Myers and Carole Gobert.

**Blount County** – 0515-2030. Weather: fog in some areas in the morning, cloudy to partly sunny with occasional showers; 58-70° F. Observers: Jean J. Alexander (compiler-3908 Riverview Dr., Maryville, TN 37804; jjadmj@infionline.net), Fae Burkhart, John Didiego, James B. Fitzgerald, Marian D. Fitzgerald, Tom E. Fitzgerald, Kim J. Henry, Stephen P. Henry, Thomas D. Howe, David M. Johnson, Mary Laura Koella, Karen J. Petrey, Ken Voorhis and June D. Welch.

**Hamilton County** – 0545-1945. Weather: overcast with light wind; 55-72° F. The compiler stated that the 121 species found this year was well below the average for this count which has been 130-140. Observers: Tim Baker, Harold Birch, Clyde Blum, Katherine Boyles, Gary Brunvoll, Danny Gaddy, William Haley, John Henderson, Gary Lanham, Pixie Lanham, Cathy Lockwitz, Jonnie Sue Lyons, Barbara McMahon, Mike McMahon, Randy Palmer, David Patterson, David Spicer, Kyle Wagganer, Cynthia Wilkerson, Jimmy Wilkerson and Libby Wolfe. Kevin Calhoon (non-participating compiler-934 Craven's Terrace, Lookout Mtn., TN 37409; KAC@tennis.org).

**Loudon County** – 0800-2150. Weather: overcast in the morning; sunny and breezy in the afternoon; 61-73° F. Observers: Tony King, Denise Nauman, Carolyn Snow and Phil Snow.

**Montgomery County** – 0600-2030. Weather: mostly cloudy with light rain/misting most of the day and occasional sunshine peeking through for short periods; 56-63° F. Observers: Kathy DeWein (F/Y), Elaine Foust (compiler: 3251 E. Old Ashland City Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043; elaine.foust@tn.gov), Debbie Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Nita Heilman, John Johansen, Gloria Milliken, Daniel Moss, Cyndi Routledge, Steve Routledge, Barbara Wilbur (F/Y) and Clark Wilbur.

**Putnam County** – 0438-1800. Weather: cloudy with intermittent rains all day; wind 0-15 mph; 61-70° F. Observers: Daniel L. Combs, Douglas A. Downs, Ginger K. Ensor, Janie C. Finch, Judy C. Fuson, Michael J. Hawkins, Linda Henderson, Nancy S. Layzer, Michael P. O'Rourke, Michele O'Rourke, Thomas M. Saya, Stephen J. Stedman (compiler: 2675 Lakeland Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506; sstedman@tntech.edu), Winston A. Walden and Carole D. Williams.

**Sevier County** – 0730-1600. Weather: mostly clear but windy at Newfound Gap; temperatures in the 60's. Observers: Susan Hoyle (compiler: P. O. Box 11752, Knoxville, TN 37939; hoyleshrike@gmail.com), Kristine Johnson, Martha Rudolph and Keith Watson.

**Shelby County** – 0732-1430. Weather: overcast and cool; wind 5-12 mph; 59-70° F. Near historic flooding in the area definitely affected this count as many areas were inaccessible. Observers: Betty Blaylock, David Blaylock, Judy Dorsey, Jim Ferguson, Sue Ferguson, Margaret Jefferson (compiler: 349 Hawthorn St., Memphis, TN 38112; mjefferson100@hotmail.com), Kathryn Miller, Georges McNeil, Mac McWhirter, Susan McWhirter, Ernie Restivo, Virginia B. Reynolds, Allen Sparks, Ed Thomas, Martha Waldron and Jay Walko.

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| Counties<br>Species | *Anderson* | *Blount* | *Hamilton* | *Loudon* | *Mongmry* | *Putnam* | *Sevier* | *Shelby* | *TOTALS* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 24 |
| Canada Goose | 57 | 104 | 249 | 38 | 35 | 168 | 11 | 48 | 710 |
| Wood Duck | - | 12 | 5 | - | 22 | 7 | - | 1 | 47 |
| American Wigeon | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Mallard | 13 | 121 | 38 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 30 | 25 | 255 |
| Blue-winged Teal | - | - | 3 | - | - | 2 | - | 27 | 32 |
| Northern Shoveler | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Redhead | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Ring-necked Duck | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hooded Merganser | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Northern Bobwhite | - | 9 | - | 7 | 11 | 5 | - | 7 | 39 |
| Wild Turkey | - | 9 | 12 | - | 35 | 11 | - | 12 | 79 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 11 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 2 | - | - | - | 31 |
| Anhinga | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| American White Pelican | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Great Blue Heron | 19 | 41 | 52 | 75 | 38 | 21 | 6 | 9 | 261 |
| Great Egret | - | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 19 | 22 |
| Snowy Egret | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 6 |
| Little Blue Heron | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Green Heron | 4 | 9 | 6 | - | 5 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 44 |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | - | - | - | 17 | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Black Vulture | 5 | 9 | 41 | 10 | 20 | 35 | - | - | 120 |
| Turkey Vulture | 10 | 17 | 26 | 4 | 49 | 79 | 2 | 5 | 192 |
| Osprey | 2 | 12 | 6 | 12 | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Mississippi Kite | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| Bald Eagle | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | - | - | - | 9 |
| Northern Harrier | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Cooper's Hawk | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | 5 | - | - | 13 |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 2 | 2 | 9 | - | 6 | 8 | - | 2 | 29 |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 6 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 5 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 14 | - | 1 | 44 |
| Buteo sp. | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| American Kestrel | - | - | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| Merlin | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Sora | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| American Coot | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 7 |
| Semipalmated Plover | 2 | - | - | - | 8 | - | - | 1 | 11 |
| Killdeer | 7 | 10 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 23 | 85 |
| Black-necked Stilt | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 54 | 54 |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 3 | 4 | 4 | - | - | 1 | 3 | 5 | 20 |
| Solitary Sandpiper | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 9 | 19 |
| Willet | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 23 | 29 |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 11 |
| Least Sandpiper | 14 | - | 5 | - | 8 | - | 2 | 147 | 176 |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 7 |
| Dunlin | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Stilt Sandpiper | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23 | 23 |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 | 18 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| American Woodcock | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Ring-billed Gull | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Rock Pigeon | 18 | 101 | 91 | 14 | 30 | 23 | 22 | 156 | 455 |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | 26 | 31 |
| Mourning Dove | 63 | 183 | 170 | 55 | 160 | 319 | 21 | 182 | 1153 |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 10 | 16 | 3 | - | 2 | 10 | - | 2 | 43 |
| Barn Owl | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Eastern Screech Owl | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Great Horned Owl | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 8 |
| Barred Owl | 12 | 1 | 1 | - | 6 | 2 | - | - | 22 |
| Common Nighthawk | - | 4 | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 8 |
| Chuck-will's-widow | 1 | 2 | 4 | - | - | 8 | - | - | 15 |
| Eastern Whip-poor-will | 10 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Chimney Swift | 25 | 84 | 146 | 8 | 30 | 61 | 3 | 23 | 380 |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 3 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 45 |
| Belted Kingfisher | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | - | 25 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | - | - | 7 | 1 | 1 | 6 | - | 5 | 20 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 14 | 36 | 48 | 8 | 35 | 58 | 1 | 10 | 210 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 8 | 16 | 31 | 2 | 17 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 94 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 4 | 4 | 5 | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | 18 |
| Northern Flicker | 6 | 9 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 1 | - | 68 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 7 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 26 | 4 | 5 | 72 |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | 8 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 48 | 70 | 1 | 41 | 198 |
| Acadian Flycatcher | 9 | 2 | 7 | - | 21 | 39 | 1 | 10 | 89 |
| Alder Flycatcher | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Willow Flycatcher | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Eastern Phoebe | 5 | 22 | 13 | - | 8 | 40 | 2 | 4 | 94 |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 13 | 13 | 26 | 2 | 37 | 48 | - | 11 | 150 |
| Eastern Kingbird | 8 | 26 | 11 | 17 | 23 | 68 | - | 7 | 160 |
| Loggerhead Shrike | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| White-eyed Vireo | 6 | 9 | 12 | - | 5 | 54 | - | 21 | 107 |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | 2 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 16 | 1 | - | 23 |
| Blue-headed Vireo | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| Warbling Vireo | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 5 | 8 |
| Red-eyed Vireo | 40 | 82 | 50 | 1 | 23 | 264 | 11 | 15 | 486 |
| Blue Jay | 23 | 85 | 92 | 6 | 41 | 100 | 5 | 4 | 356 |
| American Crow | 60 | 101 | 118 | 36 | 72 | 264 | 19 | 19 | 689 |
| Fish Crow | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Horned Lark | - | - | - | - | 9 | - | - | - | 9 |
| Purple Martin | 10 | 15 | 12 | - | 29 | 112 | - | - | 178 |
| Tree Swallow | 17 | 58 | 26 | 30 | 7 | 36 | 10 | - | 184 |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | 12 | 29 | 67 | - | 35 | 62 | 5 | 25 | 235 |
| Bank Swallow | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Cliff Swallow | 85 | 113 | 102 | 96 | 378 | 27 | 21 | 3 | 825 |
| Barn Swallow | 51 | 107 | 92 | 31 | 69 | 138 | 7 | 95 | 590 |
| Carolina Chickadee | 16 | 81 | 110 | 3 | 54 | 47 | 2 | 19 | 332 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 24 | 66 | 83 | 4 | 68 | 145 | 6 | 46 | 442 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 9 | 6 | 28 | - | 12 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 72 |
| Brown-headed Nuthatch | 2 | 2 | 5 | - | - | 3 | - | - | 12 |
| Brown Creeper | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Carolina Wren | 35 | 102 | 74 | 11 | 79 | 131 | 7 | 49 | 488 |
| House Wren | - | 15 | 4 | - | 2 | 20 | - | - | 41 |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 23 | 22 | 62 | 1 | 61 | 81 | 3 | 39 | 292 |
| Eastern Bluebird | 47 | 78 | 100 | 26 | 101 | 167 | 16 | 14 | 549 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Veery | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Swainson's Thrush | 3 | 3 | 6 | - | 8 | 7 | - | 4 | 31 |
| Wood Thrush | 14 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 33 | 2 | 6 | 86 |
| American Robin | 79 | 244 | 236 | 31 | 140 | 491 | 31 | 10 | 1262 |
| Gray Catbird | 4 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 47 |
| Northern Mockingbird | 28 | 122 | 118 | 45 | 78 | 185 | 11 | 18 | 605 |
| Brown Thrasher | 11 | 23 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 64 | 3 | 5 | 149 |
| European Starling | 193 | 362 | 446 | 69 | 308 | 917 | 80 | 79 | 2454 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 125 | 337 | 378 | - | 69 | 228 | 10 | 24 | 1171 |
| Blue-winged Warbler | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Tennessee Warbler | - | - | - | - | 10 | 3 | - | 2 | 15 |
| Northern Parula | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | 17 | 33 | 8 | 22 | 90 |
| Yellow Warbler | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | - | - | 8 |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | 6 | - | - | 1 | 14 |
| Magnolia Warbler | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Cape May Warbler | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | 1 | 11 | 3 | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | 20 |
| Blackburnian Warbler | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 6 | 5 | 4 | - | 7 | 30 | - | - | 52 |
| Pine Warbler | 1 | 11 | 10 | - | 3 | 9 | - | 1 | 35 |
| Prairie Warbler | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 18 | - | - | 29 |
| Palm Warbler | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Blackpoll Warbler | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | 4 | - | - | 8 |
| Cerulean Warbler | 4 | - | - | - | - | 14 | - | 6 | 24 |
| Black-and-white Warbler | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | 15 | 1 | - | 21 |
| American Redstart | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 1 | 8 | 44 |
| Prothonotary Warbler | 1 | 1 | - | - | 10 | 3 | - | 4 | 19 |
| Worm-eating Warbler | - | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | 5 |
| Swainson's Warbler | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Ovenbird | 7 | 14 | 2 | - | - | 28 | - | - | 51 |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | - | - | 3 | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Kentucky Warbler | 2 | - | 5 | - | 4 | 23 | - | 15 | 49 |
| Common Yellowthroat | 5 | 24 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 69 | 1 | 5 | 142 |
| Hooded Warbler | 12 | 10 | - | - | - | 39 | 3 | 11 | 75 |
| Canada Warbler | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 10 | 28 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 72 | 2 | 3 | 144 |
| Eastern Towhee | 18 | 53 | 93 | 11 | 74 | 112 | 3 | 7 | 371 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 24 | 25 | 22 | 9 | 51 | 118 | 2 | 1 | 252 |
| Field Sparrow | 17 | 64 | 13 | 14 | 49 | 80 | - | 3 | 240 |
| Savannah Sparrow | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | 25 | 33 |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | 1 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 8 | - | - | 15 |
| Song Sparrow | 20 | 61 | 47 | 3 | 3 | 119 | 15 | 9 | 277 |
| White-throated Sparrow | - | 3 | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | 3 | 10 |
| Summer Tanager | 6 | 3 | 21 | - | 48 | 71 | - | 30 | 179 |
| Scarlet Tanager | 14 | 9 | 8 | - | 4 | 40 | 2 | 2 | 79 |
| Northern Cardinal | 63 | 251 | 178 | 30 | 214 | 246 | 20 | 32 | 1034 |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 8 |
| Blue Grosbeak | 5 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 67 |
| Indigo Bunting | 18 | 139 | 57 | 23 | 65 | 376 | 28 | 25 | 731 |
| Painted Bunting | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dickcissel | - | 2 | 6 | 16 | 81 | 3 | - | 87 | 195 |
| Bobolink | - | - | 20 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 31 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 37 | 95 | 132 | 45 | 100 | 330 | 18 | 255 | 1012 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 17 | 37 | 35 | 35 | 55 | 189 | 2 | 8 | 378 |
| Common Grackle | 57 | 198 | 107 | 188 | 63 | 143 | 35 | 31 | 822 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 12 | 49 | 41 | 15 | 60 | 123 | 1 | 83 | 384 |
| Orchard Oriole | 9 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 2 | 9 | 90 |
| Baltimore Oriole | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 17 |
| Purple Finch | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| House Finch | 6 | 46 | 49 | 13 | 48 | 34 | 2 | 2 | 200 |
| American Goldfinch | 26 | 75 | 57 | 9 | 60 | 70 | 4 | 12 | 313 |
| House Sparrow | 10 | 76 | 38 | 7 | 50 | 91 | 9 | - | 281 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total individuals | 1744 | 4369 | 4418 | 1172 | 3548 | 7495 | 539 | 2276 | 25561 |
| Total species | 101 | 106 | 121 | 68 | 109 | 120 | 67 | 111 | 173 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Observers | 5 | 13 | 21 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 16 | 87 |
| Parties | 2 | 9 | - | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 31 |
| Party hours | 15.75 | 60.75 | 48 | 11.3 | 41.25 | 60.5 | 7.5 | 21 | 266.05 |
| Hours by car | 10.92 | 16 | 18 | 10.3 | 21.25 | 51.75 | 2.5 | 8 | 138.72 |
| Hours by foot | 4.83 | 44.75 | 30 | 1 | 20 | 8.75 | 5 | 13 | 127.33 |
| Hours by canoe or other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miles by car | 135.5 | 225 | 204 | 9.1 | 182.2 | 412 | 50 | 38 | 1255.8 |
| Miles by foot | 4.6 | 17.75 | 22 | 1 | 11.9 | 6.25 | 3.5 | 10 | 77 |
| Miles by canoe or other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hours owling | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2 | - | - | 0.75 | - | - | 5.55 |
| Miles owling | 17.5 | 0.5 | 13 | - | - | 9 | - | - | 40 |
| Feeder observers | 2 | 7 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 11 |
| Feeder hours | 0.5 | 7.5 | - | - | 5.25 | - | - | - | 13.25 |

# Minutes of the TOS 2011 Spring Board of Directors Meeting
## 30 April 2011
## Millington, Tennessee

The TOS 2011 Spring meeting was held 29 April – 1 May in Millington, TN, hosted by the Memphis Chapter. Field trips were offered to Meeman-Shelby Forest, Shelby Farms and The Earth Complex.

The Directors meeting was called to order by President Dick Preston at 3:00 p.m. on 30 April. Acting Secretary Donna Ward confirmed that a quorum was met. Van Harris made the motion that the minutes of the fall 2010 meeting be approved as read with the addition of the following statement from the treasurer's report: "Mac McWhirter, treasurer, stated that TOS is in good financial condition." The motion was seconded and carried.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

**PRESIDENT:** President Dick Preston asked that local chapters enter the information from chapter checklists onto ebird. He announced that 10-12 June will be the dates of the Shady Valley Foray, and the planners are asking for volunteers. He also announced that long-time TOS member Fred Alsop has been awarded the Carter-Patton Conservation Prize. President Preston also noted that the final decision regarding the hunting of Sandhill Cranes in Tennessee has been deferred for two years.

**CURATOR:** Chuck Nicholson asked chapters to send updates of their posted chapter information and members to submit bird-finding site guides. He stated our website continues to receive many visitors.

**TREASURER:** Mac McWhirter stated there are 639 members of TOS as of last year, and there has been an increase in membership for the last two years. He also noted that investments have done well. Total revenues - $35,049.79; Total Expenses - $23,333.11; Total Assets - $235,846.58

**MIGRANT EDITOR:** Past editor Chris Welsh stressed the need for members to write articles for *The Migrant* and to volunteer to review articles for the new editor, David Aborn.

**TENNESSEE WARBLER EDITOR:** Theresa Graham stated the deadline for the August issue is 30 June.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Van Harris presented the following slate of officers for 2011-2013: President - Dick Preston; VP East - Tony King, VP Middle - Melinda Welton, VP West - Martha Waldron; Directors-at-Large: East - Larry Routledge, Middle - Steve Routledge, West – Donna Ward; Treasurer – Mac McWhirter; Secretary – Cyndi Routledge; Curator – Chuck Nicholson; Editor of *The Migrant* – David Aborn; Editor of *The Tennessee Warbler* – Theresa Graham. The membership will vote at the meeting this evening.

**BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Kevin Calhoon stated the committee is working actively on a number of records.

**CONSERVATION POLICY COMMITTEE:** Committee members are Melinda Welton,

Gregg Elliot, Chris Sloan, Bill Franks, Chuck Nicholson and Cyndi Routledge. Melinda Welton reported the following:

- December 2010, the committee signed onto a letter in support of the USFS final rule removing Rusty Blackbird from its depredation order and precluding the use of lead shot
- January 2010, wrote a letter to the editor of *The Tennessean* clarifying the TOS position against the hunting of Sandhill Cranes in response to a letter in favor of the hunt by Mike Butler of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation
- Individual members of the committee signed onto a letter of support for the protection of the U.S. Prairie Pothole Region called the Dakota Grasslands Project
- As a member of the Bird Conservation Alliance, TOS signed onto a letter in support of reauthorization of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act
- Supported Congressional funding for the Land and Conservation Fund
- Signed on to a letter to the FCC addressing bird collisions with communication towers
- February 2011, signed on to a letter to the Secretary of the Interior asking for the development of a department-wide policy to address feral cat management
- March 2011, signed onto the ABC "Bird Smart Campaign" which supports wind energy that meets mandatory guidelines for mitigating bird impacts
- March 2011, sent a letter to Governor Haslam requesting that future appointments to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission include individuals with a broader interest in wildlife than strictly consumptive
- April 2011, signed onto a letter of the Bird Conservation Alliance to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees expressing strong support for a rigorous scientifically-based solution to the issue of pesticide use

**CONSERVATION RESEARCH AND FUNDING:** Dick Preston stated no grants were awarded this year, and he hopes to find someone to serve as chair of the committee.

**FINANCE:** No report

**PUBLICATIONS:** No report

**COLLATERAL MATERIALS:** Donna Ward stated patches and decals are for sale on the back table.

**TN-BIRD MONITOR:** Wallace Coffey sent the following report: The listserv continues to be very active with more than 600 subscribers posting an average of 2200 messages each year. It has been shown to be a valuable tool for disseminating timely information to the birding community on issues such as the Sandhill Crane hunt, and is a major source of bird records for The Season report for *The Migrant*.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** Dick Preston stated there are no nominations for this year. He added that the Mockingbird pin given to recipients of the award is no longer available, and a new type of momento may be needed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Dick Preston noted that TOS and the Virginia Society of Ornithology will host a joint meeting in Johnson City on 18-20 May 2012.

**Constitution Committee:** Committee Chair Susan McWhirter proposed the following amendment to the TOS constitution, as had been published in *The Tennessee Warbler*. Other members of the committee are Danny Gaddy and Richard Connors.

Article V, Section 6 currently states, "The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings, attend to official correspondence, prepare notices of meetings, and work to create interest in the activities of the Society." The committee proposes that "prepare notices of meetings, and work to create interest in the activities of the Society" be deleted and this addition be made: "The Secretary shall submit to the President a rough draft of the minutes 30 days following the meeting. A final draft of the minutes is to be submitted to the President and posted on the web site at least 30 days prior to the next meeting, with copies made to be presented to the Board of Directors at the next meeting." Melinda Welton seconded, and the vote was unanimous to accept this change.

Article VI – Committees: Section 1, after the sentence, "The President-Elect shall be chosen from that division of the state whose turn it will be to receive the Presidency for a full two-year term," and proposed adding the following sentence: "If after extended search no candidate can be found from that division, the Nominating Committee may seek a candidate from another division of the state, making every effort to follow the succession of the divisions." Virginia Reynolds seconded, and the vote was unanimous to accept this change.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Dick Preston expressed the importance of funding a TOS representative to attend meetings of the American Bird Conservancy when issues of vital importance to Tennessee are on the agenda. Virginia Reynolds made the motion that TOS reimburse $300.00 to Melinda Welton as part of her expenses for attending the ABC conference. Ron Hoff seconded, and the motion passed.

Dick Preston stated that Rick Knight asked that TOS consider sponsoring a statewide effort to update the results of the initial atlas project.

Ron Hoff made the motion that TOS donate $500.00 to Eagle Optics to help fund binoculars for persons conducting research in the tropics. Susan McWhirter seconded, and the motion passed.

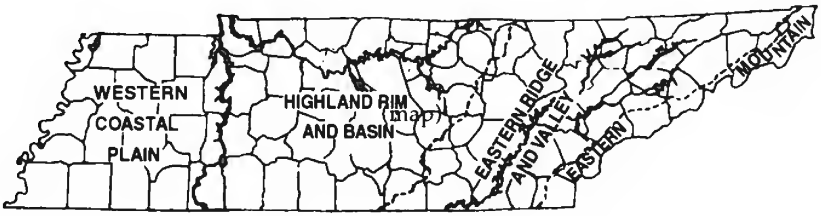
Dick Preston stated he plans to ask the Chattanooga Chapter to host the Fall 2011 meeting.

During the annual banquet the business meeting was held. At the meeting Dick Preston made the motion that the list of officers for 2011-2012 be elected by acclimation. There was a second to the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept. He also detailed the changes to the Constitution. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes, and the motion passed.

Donna Ward
Acting Secretary

# THE SPRING SEASON

Richard L. Knight, Editor




## 1 March - 31 May 2011

Both temperature and precipitation were well above normal this spring. A very active weather pattern brought frequent severe weather events. Storms spawning large hail and tornados hit several areas across the state. Near-record flooding occurred along the Mississippi River and elsewhere creating additional waterbird habitat. Storm fronts in late April caused a fallout of notable shorebirds, mainly in the western half of the state.

At least two species of 13-year periodical cicadas made their synchronous mass emergence in May and June, primarily in Middle Tennessee. Their loud calls made hearing bird song difficult at times, but they provided an abundant short-term food source for birds.

West Tennessee produced three notable rarities: White-faced Ibis, Prairie Falcon, and White-winged Dove. Mid-state highlights included Mississippi Kite(s) at Nashville and Bachman's Sparrow in Wayne County. Also, a back-road survey covering 51 miles in western Putnam County on 20 May for Cerulean Warblers produced good tallies of other breeding Neo-tropical migrant birds. East Tennessee birders found a Purple Gallinule, Whimbrel, and lingering Tundra Swans and Long-tailed Duck. There were several record or near-record early arrival dates established this season.

Two sightings this spring involved birds that had been color-marked in Canada: a Piping Plover at Old Hickory Lake had been banded in Saskatchewan a decade earlier and a Great Egret at Fort Loudoun Lake had been marked with colored wing-tags in Ontario last year. Congratulations to the keen observers who spotted these marked individuals.

## Standard Abbreviations

ad - adult
Co - County
Cr – Creek
ers - earliest reported sighting
et al. - and others
fide - reported by
Is – Island
L - Lake
lrs - latest reported sighting
max - maximum count
m.ob. - many observers
Mtn - Mountain
NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
SP - State Park
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
yg - young

**WESTERN COASTAL PLAIN REGION** - - This spring was marked by extreme weather conditions. March was close to normal, but April and May had higher than normal temperatures and rainfall that reached record or near record levels throughout the region. The Mississippi River crested just inches below the all-time record flood level at Memphis and caused major flooding throughout the western counties as tributaries backed up. Violent thunderstorms had adverse effects on birds and birders alike. Many traditional hotspots were flooded or access limited due to road closures. Shorebird numbers were very good, as were long-legged waders.

*Duck - Ibis:* **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**: 7 Apr thru season (max 54 on 12 Apr) several sites in Shelby Co (JRW, m.ob.). **Ross's Goose**: 3 Apr (1) Millington (VH), lrs. **Blue-winged Teal**: 27 May (pair with 7 yg) Black Bayou (Bob Ford). **Black Scoter**: 2 Mar (1) TVA Lake, Shelby Co (JRW); 30 Mar (1) Pickwick L (JRW). **Pacific Loon**: 30 Mar (1) Pickwick L (JRW). **Red-necked Grebe**: from late Feb - 6 Apr (1) Robco L (JRW). **Eared Grebe**: 8 Mar (1) Robco L (JRW). **American White Pelican**: 26 May (21) near Ridgley, Lake Co (SGS). **Anhinga**: 3-16 May (1 male, joined by a female on 10 May) Riverport Rd., Shelby Co (JRW); 3 May (1) Hatchie NWR (Mike Chouinard); 5 May (14) Shelby Forest, Shelby Co (VBR); 9 May (2) Horn L. cutoff, Shelby Co (JRW); 25 May (pair) Reelfoot L (SGS). **American Bittern**: 27 Mar - 8 Apr (1-2) Horn L cutoff, Shelby Co (JRW); 27 Apr (1) Chester Co (RDH, DMy); 29 Apr (1) Lower Hatchie NWR, Lauderdale Co (DDP); 4 May (1) Walnut Log, Obion Co (MCT). **Least Bittern**: 25 May (5) Black Bayou (SGS). **Great Egret**: 21 Mar (4 at 2 sites) Dyer Co (WGC), ers. **Little Blue Heron**: 22 Mar (1 ad) Fayette Co (JRW), apparently a new early arrival date for the state. **Tricolored Heron**: 11 / 19 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW / WGC); 26 May (1) Black Bayou (SGS). **Cattle Egret**: 6 Apr (5) Robco L (JRW), ers. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 26 May (14) Black Bayou (SGS). **White Ibis**: 14 May (51 visible in photo, all ad., flying over) Hatchie NWR (Mike Threlkeld fide Gail King), large number, especially of ad.; 22 May (7 ad) Lauderdale Co (JRW). **WHITE-FACED IBIS**: 10-11 May (1 ad) Black Bayou (WGC, JRW); 17-18 May (1 im) Ensley (Q.B. Gray); 25-26 May (1) near Ridgley, Lake Co (SGS).

*Osprey - Crane:* **Osprey**: 31 May (active nest) Beech Bend Co Park, Decatur Co (Anna Varney). **Mississippi Kite**: 22 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (JRW), apparently a new early arrival date for the state. **Bald Eagle**: 3 / 28 Mar (2 active nests) Dyer Co (WGC, MAG); 13 May (2 fledged from nest) Hatchie NWR (Mike Chouinard). **Cooper's Hawk**: 9 Apr (1 on nest) Collierville, Shelby Co (DDP, MTOS). **Merlin**: 16 Apr (1) Herb Parson's L Shelby Co (David Hill, MTOS). **PRAIRIE FALCON**: 8 May (1 ad) Ensley (JRW). **Peregrine Falcon**: 20 / 28 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW); 23 Apr (1) Lake Co (JRW); 22 May (1 each at 2 sites) Lake Co (JRW). **Sora**: 15 May (20+) Ensley (JRW), max. **Common Moorhen**: 25-26 May (7+ ad, 4 nests) Black Bayou (SGS). **Sandhill Crane**: 16 Mar / 18 Apr (1) Shelby Farms (Betty Blaylock, MGW).

*Shorebirds:* **Black-bellied Plover**: 23 Apr / 24 May (1 / 5) Lake Co (JRW, SGS); 26 Apr (1) Tenn. NWR, Decatur Co (RDH, DMy); 30 Apr / 15 May (1) Ensley (JRW); 22 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW). **American Golden-Plover**: 13 Mar (8) Ensley (JRW), ers; 28 Mar (~2500) Obion Co (MAG), max; 31 Mar (1500) Tipton Co (JRW); 22 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW), lrs. **Semipalmated Plover**: 12 Apr (2) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Black-necked Stilt**: 24 Mar (15) North Treatment Plant (Jay Walko), ers; 22 Apr (6 / 8) Lauderdale Co / Dyer Co (JRW); 22-23 Apr (39 at 2 sites) Lake Co (JRW); 8 May (128 ad) Ensley (JRW), max, concentrated by flood waters; 14 May (first yg) Ensley (JRW). **American Avocet**: 21 May (1) Dyer Co (TJW, Chad Smith); 22 May (4) Lake Co (JRW, WGC). **Spotted Sandpiper**: 26 Mar (1) TVA Lake, Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Solitary Sandpiper**: 16 Apr (212+) Ensley (JRW), max. **Greater Yellowlegs**: 22-23 Apr (2410 combined total) Lauderdale, Dyer and Lake Cos (JRW), new high count for state. **Willet**: 16 Apr / 6 May (3 / 1) Ensley (JRW); 23 Apr (1) Hwy 79, Lake Co (JRW). **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 22-23 Apr (7630 combined total) Lauderdale, Dyer, & Lake Cos (JRW), new high count for state; 26 Apr (1328) Ensley (JRW), max there. **Upland Sandpiper**: 15 Mar, 8 & 12 Apr (1-3) Shelby Co (JRW); 21 Apr (2) Haywood Co (JRW). **Ruddy Turnstone**: 10 / 26 May (1) Ensley (JRW). **Hudsonian Godwit**: 11 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW); 23 Apr (9) Hwy 79, Lake Co (JRW); 21 May (11) Dyer Co (JRW, WGC). **Sanderling**: 7 Apr (2) Ensley (JRW); 23 Apr (3) Hwy 79, Lake Co (JRW). **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: 7 Apr (5) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Western Sandpiper**: 7 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **White-rumped Sandpiper**: 25 Apr (1) Hatchie NWR (Mike Chouinard), ers; 26 May (100+) Lake Co (SGS), max. **Baird's Sandpiper**: 7 Apr - 26 May (1-10) Ensley (JRW). **Pectoral Sandpiper**: 26 May (500) Lake Co (SGS), max. **Dunlin**: 7 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW), ers; 11 May (103) Lake Co (JRW), max; 22 May (64) Dyer Co (JRW). **Stilt Sandpiper**: 7 Apr (2) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Ruff**: 28 Apr (1) Ensley (JRW). **Short-billed Dowitcher**: 8 May (1) Ensley (JRW), ers. **Long-billed Dowitcher**: 15 Mar (12) Dyer Co (WGC), ers; 23 / 25 Apr (12+) Hwy 79, Lake Co (JRW, SGS); 26 Apr - 10 May (8-12) Ensley (JRW). **Wilson's Snipe**: 16 Mar (183) Tigrett WMA, Dyer Co (WGC), max; 22 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW), lrs. **Wilson's Phalarope**: 17 Apr (1) North Treatment Plant (JRW); 20 Apr - 15 May (1-18) Ensley (JRW); 23 Apr (1) Hwy 79, Lake Co (JRW); 4 May (2) Reelfoot L (MCT).

*Gull - Hummingbird:* **Laughing Gull**: 23 Apr (2) Lake Co (JRW); 22 May (2) Dyer Co (JRW). **Franklin's Gull**: 23 Apr (1) Lake Co (JRW). **Herring Gull**: 21 May (1) Dyer Co (WGC), lrs. **Least Tern**: 11 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW), ers; 22 May (400) Mooring, Lake Co (JRW, WGC), max. **Caspian Tern**: 30 Mar (1) Pickwick L (JRW), ers. **Black Tern**: 21 May (30) Dyer Co (TJW, Chad Smith), max. **Forster's Tern**: 8 Mar (3) Robco L (JRW), ers. **WHITE-WINGED DOVE**: 30 Apr / 6 and 27 May (2 / 1) President's Is (SGS, JRW). **Black-billed Cuckoo**: 4 May (1) Walnut Log, Obion Co (MCT); 19 May (1) Ensley (JRW). **Barn Owl**: 22 Mar (1) East Memphis (MGW); 12 May (2 ad, 5 yg banded) Fayette Co (MGW, Knox Martin, John May). **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: 31 Mar (1) Millington (VH), ers.

*Flycatcher - Catbird:* **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 10 May (1) Carroll Co (MCT); 11 May (1) Dyer Co (JRW); 14 May (1) Shelby Co (JRW). **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**: 10 May (1) Carroll Co (MCT). **Alder Flycatcher**: 13 May (1) Shelby Farms (Ernie Restivo); 17 May (1) Trenton, Gibson Co (MAG). **Least Flycatcher**: 26 Apr (1) Lake Co (SGS), ers. **Great Crested Flycatcher**: 12 Apr (1) Millington (VH), ers. **Western Kingbird**: 28 Apr (1) Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 8 May thru season (pair at nest) President's Is. (JRW). **Loggerhead Shrike**: 9 May (4 nests) Ensley (JRW); 11 May (birds at 9 sites) Dyer & Lake Cos (JRW). **Bell's Vireo**: 21 May (1) Great River Rd., Dyer Co (TJW, Chad Smith). **Blue-headed Vireo**: 19 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (DDP), ers. **Philadelphia Vireo**: 21 Apr (1) Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**: 8 Mar (1) Robco L (JRW), ers. **Cliff Swallow**: 13 Mar (2) Shelby Co (JRW), ers. **Barn Swallow**: 8 Mar (1) Robco L (JRW), ers. **Gray Catbird**: 19 Mar (1) Shelby Farms (George McNeil), rather early.

*Warbler - Dickcissel:* **Golden-winged Warbler**: 21 Apr (3) Lauderdale Co (JRW); 6 May (1) Shelby Farms (VBR). **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 30 Mar (1) Millington (VH), ers. **Prothonotary Warbler**: 4 Apr (1) Millington (VH), ers. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: 22 Mar (1) Dyer Co (MAG), ers. **Mourning Warbler**: 6 May (1) Shelby Farms (VBR). **Lark Sparrow**: 28 Apr (3) McNairy Co (RDH, DMy); 10 May (3) Carroll & Henry Cos (MCT); 17 May (1) Gibson Co (MAG). **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 25 Apr (1) Lake Co (SGS), ers. **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 31 Mar (2) Tipton Co (JRW), ers; 28 Apr / 6 May (2-3) Shelby Co (JRW). **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: 31 Mar (1) Tipton Co (JRW), quite early. **Indigo Bunting**: 18 Mar (1) Tipton Co (DDP), quite early. **Painted Bunting**: 22 Apr (1) Munford, Tipton Co (DDP), ers; 29 Apr - 14 May (1-3) Ensley (JRW); 30 Apr (1) President's Is. (SGS); 14 May (2) north Memphis (JRW). **Dickcissel**: 23 Apr (1) North Treatment Plant (VH), ers.

*Locations*: Black Bayou - in Lake Co; Ensley - in Shelby Co; Hatchie NWR - in Haywood Co; Millington - in Shelby Co; North Treatment Plant - in Shelby Co; Pickwick L - in Hardin Co; President's Is - in Shelby Co; Reelfoot L - in Lake & Obion Cos; Robco L - in Shelby Co.

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**HIGHLAND RIM AND BASIN REGION** - - Temperatures for the spring season in the Nashville area were relatively normal in March, but in April and May they provided a roller coaster ride, exemplified by a high temperature swing of over 30 degrees during a period of just three days in May. By the end of May high temperatures were similar to those during the mid-summer months. Precipitation in March and May was near normal, while April was very wet, having nearly double the typical rainfall. Fronts continually pushed through Middle Tennessee during April and early May, making for excellent migrant fallout conditions. In particular, a nice selection of unusual shorebirds was found at "Snow Bunting Peninsula" on Old Hickory Lake.

*Duck - Crane:* **Greater Scaup**: 8 Mar (1) Old Hickory L (FF, JKS). **American Bittern**: 1 Apr (1) Brentwood, Williamson Co (Richard Connors). **Green Heron**: 8 Apr (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC), ers. **Cattle Egret**: 7 Apr (2) Rutherford Co (TJW), ers; 23 Apr (13) Palmyra, Montgomery Co (SY). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: early Apr (3) Murfreesboro (TJW). **Osprey**: 14 Mar (1) Nashville (CAS), ers. **Mississippi Kite**: 8 May (1) Radnor L (CAS, SGS, ES); 11 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC); same bird? **Broad-winged Hawk**: 22 Mar (1) White's Cr, Davidson Co (ES), ers. **Peregrine Falcon**: 6 Apr (1) Murfreesboro (TJW); 6 May (1) Bell's Bend (TL); 8 May (1) Old Hickory L (CAS, SGS, ES). **Sora**: 9 Apr (1) Murfreesboro (TJW et al.). **Whooping Crane**: 26 Mar (2 ad) Coffee Co (fide Ruth Luckado).

*Plover - Tern:* **American Golden-Plover**: 29 Mar (185 in one field, with other large groups nearby) Duck R. Unit (CF). **Piping Plover**: 20 Apr (2) Old Hickory L (SGS, ES), one was color-banded, originating from Saskatchewan in 2001; this is the 2nd Davidson Co record and just the 7th spring record in Tenn. **American Avocet**: 26 Apr (1) Old Hickory L (KO, m.ob.). **Willet**: 26 Apr - 1 May (1-5) Old Hickory L (KO, m.ob.); 26 Apr (18) Duck R. Unit (CF). **Marbled Godwit**: 26 Apr (1) Old Hickory L (Mike O'Malley, photo). **Western Sandpiper**: 16 Apr (2) Old Hickory L (CAS). **Dunlin**: 16-27 Apr (1-2) Old Hickory L (CAS, m.ob.). **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**: 27 Apr (1) Old Hickory L (SGS, photo), rare in state in spring. **Wilson's Phalarope**: 26 Apr (1) Duck R. Unit (CF). **Laughing Gull**: 20 Apr - 3 May (1-4) Old Hickory L (SGS, PDC, m.ob.). **Caspian Tern**: 16 Apr (13) Old Hickory L (CAS), max. **Black Tern**: 8 May (6) Percy Priest L, Davidson Co (CAS, SGS, ES). **Common Tern**: 1 May (1) Old Hickory L (TJW); 8 May (6) Percy Priest L, Davidson Co (CAS, SGS, ES). **Forster's Tern**: 27 Mar (2) Duck R. Unit (TJW, Bob Ingle), ers; 1 May (17) Old Hickory L (TJW), max.

*Cuckoo - Flycatcher:* **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**: 14 Apr (1) DeKalb Co (T & VC), ers. **Black-billed Cuckoo**: 6 May (1) Peeler Park, Davidson Co (PDC); 7 May (1) Shelby Park (Barbara Harris, Mark Hackney); 12 May (1) Lewis Co (WMP). **Short-eared Owl**: 13 Apr (1) near Ethridge, Lawrence Co (SGS). **Common Nighthawk**: 23 Apr (1) Smyrna, Rutherford Co (SGS), ers. **Eastern Whip-poor-will**: 7 Apr (1) Nashville (KB), ers. **Chimney Swift**: 3 Apr (200+) Nashville (SGS), early for such a large number. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: 2

Apr (1) DeKalb Co (T&VC), ers. **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 8 May (1) near Beaman Park (CAS, SGS, ES); 19-20 May (1) Shelby Park (JKS, PDC), fed on a 13-year cicada. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**: 20 / 26 May (1) Radnor L (FF). **Acadian Flycatcher**: 28 Apr (1) Radnor L (JKS), ers; 20 May (89) western Putnam Co (SJS), max. **Alder Flycatcher**: 8 May (1) Bell's Bend (CAS, SGS, ES); 11 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, MSm). **Willow Flycatcher**: 29 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (CAS), ers. **Least Flycatcher**: 24 Apr (1) Nashville (CAS), ers. **Great Crested Flycatcher**: 12 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**: 8 Apr (1) Lytle Cr Rd, Rutherford Co (SGS). **Eastern Kingbird**: 8 Apr (5) Rutherford Co (SGS), ers.

*Shrike - Waxwing:* **Loggerhead Shrike**: 9 Mar (pair) Bedford Co (Laura McCall); 17 Mar (pair) Warren Co (Susan McWhirter); 17 Mar (1) Lincoln Co (David Stone); 7 Apr (pair) Rutherford Co (TJW). **White-eyed Vireo**: 4 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: 5 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Blue-headed Vireo**: 26 Mar (1) Radnor L (FF), ers. **Warbling Vireo**: 16 Apr (4) Old Hickory L (CAS), ers. **Philadelphia Vireo**: 2-26 May (1-4) Radnor L (MSm, KB, FF, m.ob.). **Red-eyed Vireo**: 8 Apr (1) Beaman Park (MSm), ers; 20 May (378) western Putnam Co (SJS), max. **Purple Martin**: 15 Mar (2) Radnor L (Scott Block), ers. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**: 14 Mar (1) Nashville (FF), ers. **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: 30 Apr (1) Shelby Park (PDC, MSm, MAZ), lrs. **Bewick's Wren**: 7 Apr (2, singing) Lytle Cr Rd, Rutherford Co (TJW). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: 23 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Veery**: 24 Apr (1) Shelby Park (PDC, SSH, MAZ), ers. **Gray-cheeked Thrush**: 27 Apr (1) Nashville (CAS), ers. **Swainson's Thrush**: 23 Apr (1) Davidson Co (KB, NTOS), ers. **Wood Thrush**: 10 Apr (1) Center Hill L., DeKalb Co (MJW), ers. **Gray Catbird**: 7 Apr (1) Montgomery Co (SY), ers. **Cedar Waxwing**: 14 May (500) Murfreesboro (SGS), max.

*Warblers:* **Blue-winged Warbler**: 7 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 24 Apr (1) Nashville (CAS), ers. **Tennessee Warbler**: 14 Apr (1) Radnor L (KB, FF), ers. **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 13-24 Apr (3 singles) Shelby Park (PDC et al.); 14 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP). **Nashville Warbler**: 13 Apr (3) Shelby Park (PDC), ers. **Northern Parula**: 23 Mar (1) Radnor L (PDC), ers; 20 May (88) western Putnam Co (SJS), max. **Yellow Warbler**: 14 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Cape May Warbler**: 27 Apr (2) Shelby Park (PDC, MSm), ers. **Black-throated Green Warbler**: 21 Mar (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Blackburnian Warbler**: 20 Apr (1) Murfreesboro (Chloe Walker), ers. **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 6 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Prairie Warbler**: 8 Apr (1) Montgomery Co / Davidson Co / Rutherford Co / Lewis Co (SY, TL, SGS, WMP), ers. **Palm Warbler**: 29 Apr (1, "yellow") Bell's Bend (CAS). **Bay-breasted Warbler**: 24 Apr (1) Shelby Park (PDC, SSH, MAZ), ers. **Blackpoll Warbler**: 20 Apr (1) Old Hickory L (SGS), ers; 27 May (1) Shelby Park (FF, PDC), lrs. **Cerulean Warbler**: 10 Apr (17) Center Hill L., DeKalb Co (MJW), ers; 20 May (49) western Putnam Co (SJS). **Black-and-white Warbler**: 21 Mar (2) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **American Redstart**: 20 May (81) western Putnam Co (SJS), max. **Prothonotary Warbler**: 10 Apr (1) Smyrna, Rutherford Co (SGS), ers. **Worm-eating Warbler**: 8 Apr (3) Beaman Park (MSm), ers. **Swainson's Warbler**: 18-21 May (1)

Shelby Bottoms (PDC, m.ob.). **Northern Waterthrush**: 17 Apr (1) Murfreesboro (SGS), ers; 29 Apr (13) Bell's Bend (CAS), a high count for a single site in Middle Tenn. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: 18 Mar (2) Franklin, Williamson Co (MJW), ers. **Kentucky Warbler**: 11 Apr (1) White's Cr, Davidson Co (ES), ers; 20 May (47) western Putnam Co (SJS), max. **Connecticut Warbler**: 10-17 May (1) Radnor L (FF, m.ob.); 11 / 19 May (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, MSm, JKS, FF); 11 May (1) Murfreesboro (TJW). **Mourning Warbler**: 24 Apr (1) Shelby Bottoms (PDC, SSH, MAZ), rather early; 4 / 8 / 19 May (1-2) Radnor L (PDC, MSm, CAS, SGS, ES, SGS); 9 May (1) City L., Putnam Co (SJS); 9 May (1) Beaman Park (KO); 19 / 20 May (1 / 4) Shelby Bottoms (JKS, FF, PDC). **Common Yellowthroat**: 8 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (TL), ers. **Hooded Warbler**: 8 Apr (1) Beaman Park (MSm), ers; 20 May (43) western Putnam Co (SJS), max. **Wilson's Warbler**: 30 Apr (1) Murfreesboro (TJW), ers; 18 May (1) Radnor L (KB, NTOS), lrs. **Canada Warbler**: 24 Apr (1) Radnor L (CAS), ers. **Yellow-breasted Chat**: 14 Apr (3) Wayne Co (Damien Simbeck, SGS), ers.

*Sparrow - Finch:* **Bachman's Sparrow**: 14 Apr (1) Wayne Co (Damien Simbeck, SGS). **Vesper Sparrow**: 15 Mar (5) Robertson Co (TL, ES); 7 Apr (1) Rutherford Co (TJW). **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 9 Apr (3) Rutherford Co (TJW), ers. **Henslow's Sparrow**: 9 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (TL), ers; 13 Apr (4) near Ethridge, Lawrence Co (SGS). **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 26 Apr (1) Robertson Co (TL); 29 Apr (1) Bell's Bend (CAS). **Scarlet Tanager**: 9 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: 14 Apr (1) DeKalb Co (T&VC), ers. **Blue Grosbeak**: 29 May (nest with 2 grosbeak eggs & 1 cowbird egg) Cheatham Co (Duane Rice, photo), common host of cowbird, but few actual nest & egg records in Tenn. (according to Breeding Bird Atlas). **Indigo Bunting**: 12 Apr (1) Lewis Co (WMP), ers. **Dickcissel**: 4 May (1) Williamson Co (JKS); 9 May (13) Warren Co (Susan McWhirter); 12 May (2 pairs) Bell's Bend (TL). **Bobolink**: 4 May (5) Williamson Co (JKS), ers. **Orchard Oriole**: 10 Apr (1) DeKalb Co / Lewis Co (T&VC, WMP), ers. **Baltimore Oriole**: 22 Mar (1) Nashville (ES), quite early, if not wintering. **Purple Finch**: 4 May (1) Radnor L (KB, NTOS), lrs.

*Locations*: Beaman Park - in Davidson Co; Bell's Bend - in Davidson Co; Duck R Unit - unit of Tenn. NWR in Humphreys Co; Old Hickory L - in Davidson Co; Radnor L - in Davidson Co; Shelby Park / Bottoms - in Davidson Co;

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**CUMBERLAND PLATEAU / RIDGE & VALLEY REGION** - - Following a mild February, each of the three spring months had warmer than normal temperatures. Rainfall was above average each month, especially in March and April when some areas received double the normal amount. Some severe thunderstorms produced large hail or tornados, both rather rare in the eastern end of the state. The principle Hamilton County wetlands were too full to provide much shorebird habitat for most of the season.

A Hooded Merganser hen with four young represented a rare breeding record in East

Tennessee. Two new nesting sites for cormorants add to the growing population. A Great Blue Heron nest with small young on 12 March was considerably earlier than the published early date for nestlings given in the Breeding Bird Atlas. Regional rarities included Rough-legged Hawk, Purple Gallinule, Common Moorhen (two reports), Black-necked Stilt, Whimbrel, and Lark Sparrow. A new county was added to the list with records of Fish Crow. Dickcissels were reported from six widespread counties, which was well above average.

*Goose - Cormorant:* **Greater White-fronted Goose**: 5 Mar (3) Greene Co (DHM); 12-13 Mar (1) Washington Co (RBB). **Snow Goose**: 31 Mar (1 white) John Sevier L (SHu). **Ross's Goose**: 4 Mar (1) Washington Co (B&JP). **Tundra Swan**: thru 3 Apr (1) John Sevier L. (SHu); thru 3 Apr (1) Wal-Mart Dist. Center (DHM); departure of wintering birds. **Gadwall**: 20 May (1) Hamilton Co (Tim Jeffers), lrs. **Blue-winged Teal**: 1 Mar (5) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), ers. **Northern Shoveler**: 12 Mar (43) Greene Co (DHM), max; 7 May (2) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), lrs. **Redhead**: 6 Mar (48) Bennett L., Marion Co (TLR). **Ring-necked Duck**: 14 May (1) Hamilton Co (fide KAC), lrs. **Greater Scaup**: 3 Apr (2) Upper Douglas L, Cocke Co (MBS), lrs. **Hooded Merganser**: 5-13 May (female with 4 yg) Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery, Anderson Co (RDH, DMy et al.); 28 May (1) Washington Co (B&JP), lrs. **Red-breasted Merganser**: good flight thru NE Tenn during Mar to mid Apr; 8 May (1) John Sevier L (SHu), lrs. **Ruddy Duck**: 8 May (1) John Sevier L (SHu), lrs. **Common Loon**: 18 May (1) Austin Springs (RLK), lrs. **American White Pelican**: 17-20 Mar (3) Hiwassee Refuge, Meigs Co (Charles Murray); 7 Apr - 1 May (3) Marion Co (Teddy Caldwell); 16 April (1) Rankin Bottoms (Mike Roussin). **Double-crested Cormorant**: 3 Apr (2 nests) Miller Is., Holston R., Hawkins Co (JWC); 14 May (3 nests) near Bull Run Steam Plant, Anderson Co (RDH, DMy et al.); new sites, both in association with nesting Great Blue Herons.

*Bittern - Crane:* **American Bittern**: 17 Mar (1) Greene Co (DHM); 2 / 19 Apr (1 / 2) Kyker Bottoms, Blount Co (RDH, DMy, Carolyn & Phil Snow); 14-25 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (David Patterson, KAC). **Great Blue Heron**: 12 Mar (nest with small yg) Ft. Henry Dam, Sullivan Co (JWC, RRK, RLK et al.), very early; 11 May (4 ad & 1 yg, all dead under rookery) Louisville Point Park, Blount Co (Carole Gobert), casualties of large (up to tennis-ball sized) hail a few days earlier (fide KDE). **Great Egret**: an individual with orange wing-tags observed at Ft. Loudoun L, Blount Co., during Jan - Mar (WB) had been banded as a nestling near Collingwood, Ontario, in Jun 2010. **Snowy Egret**: 25 Apr (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **Little Blue Heron**: 25 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC); 7 May (1) John Sevier L. (SHu). **Green Heron**: 4 Apr (1) Greene Co (DHM), ers. **Black-crowned Night-Heron**: 9 Apr (1) Kinser Park, Greene Co (DHM). **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 21 Mar (2) Kingsport (RLK), ers, 2-4 pairs nesting (RLK, RAP). **Bald Eagle**: 5 & 13 Mar, 7 May (singles at separate sites) Greene Co (DHM); 6 / 21 Apr (25 / 21) Rankin Bottoms (Mike Roussin, MBS), notable concentration; 14 / 15 Apr (2 yg fledged) Marion Co (SGS, Jonnie Sue Lyons), second earliest fledging in Tenn. **Northern Harrier**: 14 May (1 female) Eagle Bend, Anderson Co (RDH, DMy et al.), lrs. **Northern Goshawk**: 8 May (1 ad)

Maryville, Blount Co (Tom Howe). **Red-shouldered Hawk**: 21 Mar thru season (pair with nest) Kingsport (RLK, m.ob.), scarce breeder in NE Tenn. **Broad-winged Hawk**: 12 Mar (1) Cove Lake SP (Nell Moore), ers; 19 Mar (1) Austin Springs (RBB), new early arrival date in NE Tenn. **Rough-legged Hawk**: 12 Mar - 3 Apr (1) Bible Refuge (DHM, m.ob., photo - DK), quite late, first seen in Feb. **Merlin**: 2 Mar (1) Sullivan Co (RBB); 3 Apr (1) Austin Springs (MSa); 29 Apr (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS). **Peregrine Falcon**: 20 Mar (1) Limestone (RRK); 3 / 10 Apr (1) separate Greene Co sites (DHM / DK). **Virginia Rail**: 17 Mar thru season (1-2) Meadowview Marsh, Kingsport (RAP, m.ob.); thru season (1-2) Standifer Gap Marsh (fide KAC). **Sora**: 7 Mar (1) Meadowview Marsh, Kingsport (RAP); 19 Mar / 23 Apr (1) Austin Springs (RLK); 10 / 24 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Tim Baker, KAC). **Purple Gallinule**: 30 Apr - 4 May (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Linda King, Amy Rider et al., photo - David Spicer). **Common Moorhen**: 1-11 May (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (DCC et al.); 21 May (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **American Coot**: 7 May (3) Wal-Mart Dist. Center (DHM); 10 May (1) Kingsport (RLK), lrs. **Sandhill Crane**: 2 Apr (4) Bible Refuge (DHM); 4 Apr (2) Kingsport (John Moyle); both late & east of usual migration corridor.

*Plover - Tern:* **American Golden Plover**: 25 Mar - 2 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Bruce Newman et al.); 16 Apr (1) near Wal-Mart Dist. Center (DHM, DK). **Black-necked Stilt**: 5 Apr / 5 May (1) near Wal-Mart Dist. Center (Ben Britton, DHM, DK), same bird? **Solitary Sandpiper**: 25 Mar (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (Carol Fegarido), ers. **Willet**: 29 Apr (1) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 30 Apr (8) Chickamauga Dam (Dan Jacobson); 9 May (1) John Sevier L (SHu). **Lesser Yellowlegs**: 29 Apr (82) Rankin Bottoms (MBS), max. **Whimbrel**: 24 May (2) Lyon's Bend, Knox Co (Susan Hoyle). **Semipalmated Sandpiper**: 13 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC), ers; 22 May (14) Paddle Cr (JWC), good number in NE Tenn. **Least Sandpiper**: 12 May (35) Paddle Cr (RLK), good number for NE Tenn. **White-rumped Sandpiper**: 20 May (1) Paddle Cr (DAH, m.ob.); 22 May (3) Washington Co (RBB). **Wilson's Snipe**: 10 Mar (75) Nickajack L (SGS); 29 Mar (74) Austin Springs (RBB); max. **Laughing Gull**: 3 May (1) Nickajack Dam (KAC). **Bonaparte's Gull**: 19 Mar (784) Cherokee L, Grainger, Hamblen, & Jefferson Cos. (DHM), max. **Caspian Tern**: 10 Apr (5) Austin Springs (RLK); 10 Apr (2) Chickamauga (Tim Baker); 21 Apr (5) Rankin Bottoms (MBS). **Forster's Tern**: 26 Mar (25) John Sevier L (SHu), early for this large number; 10 Apr / 8 May (1 / 2) Austin Springs (RLK); 10 Apr (2) Chickamauga L (Tim Baker); 11 Apr (5) Nickajack L (KAC); 16 Apr (1) Warrior's Path SP, Sullivan Co (RBB et al.).

*Dove - Hummingbird:* **Eurasian Collared-Dove**: 20 May (1) Kingsport (RAP), first there. **Monk Parakeet**: 22 Apr (1) Knox Co (Kelly Roy, photo), provenance unknown. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**: 18 Apr (1) Kingsport (John Moyle), ers. **Barn Owl**: thru season (1) Bible Refuge (m.ob.). **Short-eared Owl**: 28-29 Mar (1) Bible Refuge (DK, photo, m.ob.). **Eastern Whip-poor-will**: 5 Apr (1) Craven's House (KAC), ers. **Chimney Swift**: 2 Apr (1) Bible Refuge (Jimmy Wilkerson), ers. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: 2 Apr (1) Hamilton Co (Carol Fegarido), ers.

*Flycatcher - Thrush:* **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 11 May (1) Kingsport (RBB, photo); 13 May (1) Johnson City (RLK). **Great Crested Flycatcher**: 6 Apr (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Eastern Kingbird**: 8 Apr (1) Blount Co (WB), ers. **Loggerhead Shrike**: 12 Mar (1) Wal-Mart Dist. Center (DHM), only Greene Co report; 12 May (pair) Loudon Co (Carolyn & Phil Snow); present at 3-4 sites in Washington Co (m.ob.). **White-eyed Vireo**: 4 Apr (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: 1 Apr (1) Marion Co (TLR), ers. **Blue-headed Vireo**: 21 Mar (2) Hamilton Co (Carol Fegarido), ers. **Warbling Vireo**: 19 Apr (1) Washington Co (RLK), ers; present at several sites in Washington, Greene, & Sullivan Cos. **Philadelphia Vireo**: 5 May (1) Knox Co (KDE); 18 May (1) Fall Cr Falls SP, Van Buren Co (DHM); rare in region in spring. **Red-eyed Vireo**: 8 Apr (1) Craven's House (KAC), ers. **Fish Crow**: 12 Mar (1) Jacksboro, Campbell Co (Nell Moore), first Co record; 14 May (1) Hamilton Co (fide KAC). **Common Raven**: 4 Mar (1) Johnson City (RBB); 5 Mar / 2 Apr (1) Kingsport (RAP); 19 Mar / 3 Apr (2) Wal-Mart Dist. Center (DHM); 27 Mar (1) Bristol (RBB); 3 Apr / 21 May (2 / 3) Phipps Bend, Hawkins Co (SHu / RAP); 5 / 19 May (1 / 2) Limestone (RLK). **Purple Martin**: 6 Mar (2) Ooltewah, Hamilton Co (David Stone), ers. **Barn Swallow**: 7 Mar (1) Austin Springs (RLK), new early arrival date in NE Tenn. **Cliff Swallow**: 10 Mar (2) Nickajack L. (SGS), ers. **Horned Lark**: 21 May (2) Cross Mtn, Campbell Co (RDH, DMy et al.). **House Wren**: 16 Mar (1) Johnson City (RRK), ers. **Marsh Wren**: 12 Mar / 3 Apr / 7 May (1) Greene Co (DHM); 25 Apr (10) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: 22 Mar (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC), ers. **Veery**: 25 Apr (1) Greeneville (DHM), new early date there. **Swainson's Thrush**: 23 Apr (1) Craven's House (DCC, John Henderson), ers. **Wood Thrush**: 10 Apr (1) Craven's House (KAC), ers.

*Warblers:* **Blue-winged Warbler**: 11 Apr (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 18 Apr (1) Greenway Farm (DA), ers; 25 Apr (2) Craven's House (KAC). **Tennessee Warbler**: 18 Apr (2) Sharp's Ridge (PC), ers. **Orange-crowned Warbler**: 18 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge (PC); 20 Apr (1) Greeneville (DHM); 23 Apr (1) Craven's House (John Henderson, DCC). **Nashville Warbler**: 17 Apr (1) Lookout Mtn (KAC et al.), ers. **Magnolia Warbler**: 22 Apr (1) Fall Cr Falls SP, Van Buren Co (DK), ers. **Cape May Warbler**: 17 Apr (2) Lookout Mtn (KAC et al.), ers. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**: 1 May (2) Craven's House (KAC). **Black-throated Green Warbler**: 26 Mar (3) Greene Co (DHM), ers. **Blackburnian Warbler**: 9 Apr (2) Sharp's Ridge (Robin Barrow), ers. **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 22 Mar (1) Roane Co (Carole Gobert), ers; 23 Mar (1) Sullivan Co (Larry McDaniel). **Prairie Warbler**: 9 Apr (1) Marion Co (TLR), ers. **Palm Warbler**: 9 Mar (1) Douglas Dam, Sevier Co (Jennifer Bradbury); 19 Mar (1) Jefferson Co (DHM); 22 Mar (1, "yellow") Austin Springs (RLK). **Bay-breasted Warbler**: 20 Apr (1) Johnson City (RBB), ers. **Blackpoll Warbler**: 17 Apr (2) Lookout Mtn (KAC et al.), new early arrival date in SE Tenn; 25 May (1) Johnson City (Kathy Noblet), ties late departure date in NE Tenn. **Cerulean Warbler**: 17 Apr (3) Lookout Mtn (KAC et al.), ers; 18 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge (PC), ers there; 6 May (1) Greeneville (DHM), only report there; none in Tri-cities area. **Black-and-white Warbler**: 23 Mar (2) Craven's House (KAC), ers. **American Redstart**: 8 Apr

(1) Sharp's Ridge (PC), ers. **Prothonotary Warbler**: 13 Apr (1) Moccasin Bend, Hamilton Co (KAC), ers; 16 Apr (1) Kinser Park, Greene Co (DHM); 20 Apr / 23 May (1) Austin Springs (DAH, RLK), only reports there; 21 Apr (1, window kill) Johnson City (FJA, RBB); 21 Apr (4) Rankin Bottoms (MBS); 7 May (2) John Sevier L. (SHu); 15 May (1) Cove Lake SP (KTOS). **Swainson's Warbler**: 17 Apr (1) Lookout Mtn (KAC et al.); 16 May (1) Cove Lake SP (SGS, FJA); 29 May (1) Big South Fork, Scott Co (SGS). **Worm-eating Warbler**: 9 Apr (1) Marion Co (TLR), ers. **Ovenbird**: 8 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge (PC), ers. **Connecticut Warbler**: 29 Apr (1) Greenway Farm (DA), rather early; 11 May (1) Sewanee, Franklin Co (Jim Peters). **Common Yellowthroat**: 12 Mar (1) Wal-Mart Dist. Center (DHM), also there in mid Feb, apparently wintered; 9 Apr (1) Marion Co (TLR), ers. **Wilson's Warbler**: 30 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge (KDE, KTOS); 9 May (1) Knox Co (KDE). **Canada Warbler**: 22 Apr (1) Sharp's Ridge (Chris Welsh), ers. **Yellow-breasted Chat**: 17 Apr (1) Ooltewah, Hamilton Co (David Stone), ers.

*Sparrow - Siskin:* **Vesper Sparrow**: 16 Mar (1) Austin Springs (RLK), ers; also reported from Greene, Hamilton, Knox, & Sullivan Cos. **Lark Sparrow**: 25 Apr (1) Standifer Gap Marsh (KAC), about 4th or 5th record in SE Tenn. **Grasshopper Sparrow**: 19 Apr (1) Limestone (MSa), ers; 16 May (2) Cross Mtn., Campbell Co (SGS, FJA). **Henslow's Sparrow**: 16 / 21 May (2 / 1) Cross Mtn., Campbell Co (SGS, FJA, RDH, DMy). **Fox Sparrow**: thru 5 Apr (1, at feeder) Johnson City (RRK), lrs. **Swamp Sparrow**: 7 May (1) Bible Refuge (DHM), lrs. **Summer Tanager**: 5 Apr (1, at feeder) Johnson City (Gil Derouen), new early arrival date in NE Tenn. by 2 weeks. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**: 17 Apr (2) Hamilton Co (Carol Fegarido), ers. **Indigo Bunting**: 11 Apr (2) Sharp's Ridge (PC), ers; 14 Apr (1) Kingsport (Mary Erwin), ties early arrival date in NE Tenn. **Dickcissel**: 3 May thru season (1-2 at 2 sites) Greene Co (DHM); 3 May thru season (up to 15 males at 4 sites) Limestone (RRK, RLK, m.ob.), 16th consecutive year in vicinity & highest number in that period; 14-20 May (2-3) Blount Co (Tom Howe, m.ob.); 3 May into Jun (6 at 2 sites) Hamilton Co (Libby Wolfe, m.ob.); 15-21 May (1) Paddle Cr. (RLK, m.ob.), first Sullivan Co. record since 1967; 28 May (2) Tri-cities Airport, Sullivan Co (RBB); 30 May (2) Bradley Co (DCC). **Bobolink**: 21 Apr (1) Johnson City (FJA), ers. **Brewer's Blackbird**: 1 / 21 Mar (1 female) Standifer Gap Marsh (TLR, Clyde Blum). **Orchard Oriole**: 11 Apr (1 / 1) Standifer Gap Marsh, John Sevier L (Betty Wampler, SHu), ers. **Baltimore Oriole**: 16 May (1 female, dead, hanging in nest material consisting of fishing line & ribbon) Cove Lake SP (SGS, FJA). **Purple Finch**: surge in numbers in NE Tenn. during late Mar - early Apr (several reports of 20-25); 8 May (1) Kingsport (RAP); 10 May (1) Hamilton Co (Libby Wolfe); lrs. **Pine Siskin**: 23-26 Apr (1-4 at 2 sites) Cumberland Co (DJ Stanley, Ed LeGrand); 27 Apr (14) Marion Co (TLR); 16 May (1) Johnson City (Kathy Noblet).

*Addendum:* **Wood Stork**: 10 Sep 2008 (2 im) Clinch R., near Kingston, Roane Co (Gary Loucks, photo, fide SGS).

*Locations:* Austin Springs - in Washington Co; Bible Refuge - in Greene Co; Cove Lake

SP - in Campbell Co; Craven's House - unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Hamilton Co; Greenway Farm - in Hamilton Co; John Sevier L - in Hawkins Co; Limestone - in Washington Co; Lookout Mtn - in Hamilton Co; Nickajack L - in Marion Co; Paddle Cr - in Sullivan Co; Rankin Bottoms - in Cocke Co; Sharp's Ridge - in Knox Co; Standifer Gap Marsh - in Hamilton Co; Wal-Mart Distribution Center - in Greene Co.

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**EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGION** - - Average daily temperatures were above normal for all three months. Precipitation was also above normal for each month in the period, amounting to about 5.5 inches above normal rainfall for the season.

Good breeding records were recorded for Hampton Creek Cove, near Roan Mountain. A Black-billed Cuckoo nest with young was documented there. A female Blue-winged Warbler with a nest at this location was the first breeding record for this species in northeast Tennessee. Interestingly, its mate was apparently a Golden-winged Warbler.

The first Unicoi County record for Henslow's Sparrow was in a very small opening in a forested area at the base of Unaka Mountain, a most unusual place to find this species. Some very nice photos documented this record. Also in Unicoi County, a flock of Red Crossbills attended a feeder for nearly a month, allowing good looks for several birders.

*Goose - Heron:* **Ross's Goose**: 2-3 Mar (1) Unicoi Co (JHM, m.ob.); 8-9 Mar (1) Watauga R / Wilbur L (DAH, B&JP). **Redhead**: 7 Mar (25) South Holston L (RLK), max. **Ring-necked Duck**: 30 Apr (1) Unicoi Co (JHM), lrs. **Greater Scaup**: 11 Mar (48) Watauga L (Tom McNeil), new high count for NE Tenn; 8-16 May (1 female) Erwin (JHM, m.ob.), new late date in NE Tenn. **Lesser Scaup**: 19 Mar (64) South Holston L (B&JP), max. **Long-tailed Duck**: from Feb thru 22 Mar (1) South Holston L (m.ob.). **Red-breasted Merganser**: good flight thru NE Tenn during Mar & early Apr; 26 Mar (31) South Holston L (RLK), max. **Ruddy Duck**: 26 Mar (20) South Holston L (RLK), max. **Horned Grebe**: 15 Mar (22) South Holston L (RRK, GDE), max. **Eared Grebe**: no sightings since Oct, then, 15-26 Mar (1, near breeding plumage) South Holston L. (RRK, GDE, m.ob.). **Double-crested Cormorant**: 31 Mar (117) South Holston L (JWC), max. **Great Egret**: 31 Mar (1) South Holston L (JWC), ers. **Snowy Egret**: 26 Apr (1) South Holston R, Sullivan Co (JWC, photo). **Green Heron**: 9 Apr (1) Erwin (DAH), ers. **Black-crowned Night-Heron**: 16 Apr (1 ad) Simmerly Cr (BKS), unusual location. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**: 24 Mar (2) Elizabethton (RBB), ers, with 5 nesting pairs present in Apr & May (m.ob.).

*Osprey - Swift:* **Osprey**: 23 Apr (1) Shady Valley (Todd Eastin), few records there. **Bald Eagle**: 4 Apr (1 im) Elizabethton (RLK). **Red-shouldered Hawk**: 9-24 May (1) Hampton Cr Cove (NS, RBB); thru season (pair) Holston Valley, Sullivan Co (Richard Lewis). **Merlin**: 10 May (1) Roan Mtn (RBB, SGS). **Peregrine Falcon**: 10 May (1) Erwin (JHM,

Larry McDaniel). **Virginia Rail**: 30 Apr (1) Quarry Bog in Shady Valley (RRK, GDE et al.). **Sora**: 30 Apr (1) Quarry Bog in Shady Valley (GDE, RRK, et al.). **Bonaparte's Gull**: 30 Mar (275) South Holston L (RLK), max. **Herring Gull**: 24 Mar - 5 Apr (1-2) South Holston L (RLK, JWC). **Black-billed Cuckoo**: 5 May (1) Elizabethton (DAH); 7 May (1) Roan Mtn SP (JHM); 9 May thru season (1-2 ad., nest with 3 yg on 24 May) Hampton Cr Cove (NS, m.ob.), nest 5 ft above ground in multiflora rose at approximately 3200 ft. elevation. **Northern Saw-whet Owl**: 30 Apr (3) Unaka Mtn, Unicoi Co (JHM). **Chuck-will's-widow**: 18 Apr (2) near Milligan College, Carter Co (RBB), ers. **Eastern Whip-poor-will**: 6 Apr (1) Watauga Dam (B&JP), ers. **Chimney Swift**: 8 Apr (1) Elizabethton (RBB), ers.

*Flycatcher - Thrush:* **Alder Flycatcher**: 10 May (1) Roan Mtn (RBB, SGS), ers; 15 May thru season (1-2) Hampton Cr Cove (NS, RBB, m.ob.). **Willow Flycatcher**: 9 May (1) Hampton Cr Cove (NS), ers. **Least Flycatcher**: 19 Apr (1) Roan Mtn (MSa), ers. **Eastern Kingbird**: 15 Apr (1) Carter Co (DAH), ers. **Loggerhead Shrike**: 7 / 24 Mar (1) Holston Valley, Sullivan Co (RLK). **White-eyed Vireo**: 12 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (RRK), ers. **Yellow-throated Vireo**: 8 Apr (1) Buffalo Mtn (RLK), ers. **Blue-headed Vireo**: 22 Mar (1) Buffalo Mtn (RLK), ers. **Warbling Vireo**: 5 May (1) Watauga R (DAH). **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**: 20 Mar (8) Wilbur L (B&JP), ers. **Red-breasted Nuthatch**: 9 Apr (2) Paint Mtn, Greene Co (DHM). **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**: 30 Mar (1) Simmerly Cr (BKS), ers. **Veery**: 25 Apr (3) Roan Mtn (RLK), ties early arrival date in NE Tenn. **Wood Thrush**: 15 Apr (2) Buffalo Mtn (DAH), ers.

*Warbler - Siskin:* **Blue-winged Warbler**: 29 Apr thru season (1 female) Hampton Cr Cove (NS, MSa, Gary Cooper, RBB, m.ob.), with nest building on 1 May, 5 eggs on 10 May, 5 yg on 22 May, nest predated by 24 May, mate was male Golden-wing; this is the first confirmed nesting by a Blue-winged in NE Tenn. **Golden-winged Warbler**: 19 Apr (3) Hampton Cr Cove (FJA), new early arrival date in NE Tenn. **Nashville Warbler**: 26 Apr (1) Holston Mtn, Carter Co (DAH); 1 May (1) Simmerly Cr (BKS); only reports. **Yellow Warbler**: 12 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (RRK), ers. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: 19 Apr (1) Holston Mtn, Carter Co (MSa), ers. **Blackburnian Warbler**: 21 Apr (1) Buffalo Mtn (RBB), ers. **Yellow-throated Warbler**: 3 Apr (1) Wilbur L (B&JP), ers. **Prairie Warbler**: 9 Apr (1) Paint Mtn, Greene Co (DHM), ers. **Black-and-white Warbler**: 6 Apr (1) Watauga Dam (Darrel Wilder), ers. **Prothonotary Warbler**: 5 May (1) Watauga R. (DAH), few Co. records. **Worm-eating Warbler**: 15 Apr (1) Buffalo Mtn (DAH), ers. **Swainson's Warbler**: 22 Apr (2) Bald Mtn, Greene Co (DHM); early May (2) Schoolhouse Gap Trail, GSMNP (TJW). **Northern Waterthrush**: 18 May (2) Elizabethton (RLK), lrs. **Louisiana Waterthrush**: 22 Mar (2) Buffalo Mtn (RLK), ers. **Common Yellowthroat**: 12 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (RRK), ers. **Canada Warbler**: 22 Apr (1) Hampton Cr. Cove (RBB), ties early arrival date in NE Tenn. **Yellow-breasted Chat**: 22 Apr (1) Hampton Cr Cove (RBB), ers. **Vesper Sparrow**: 10 May (1) Round Bald on Roan Mtn (RBB, SGS), ers on breeding grounds. **Henslow's Sparrow**: 14 Apr (1) Rock Cr Park, Unicoi Co (MSa, photo, RLK), found in tiny patch of short grass surrounded by forest, first Co record. **Fox Sparrow**: 5 Apr

(1) Elizabethton (Gary Wallace), lrs. **Scarlet Tanager**: 17 Apr (1) South Holston L (RBB), ers. **Blue Grosbeak**: 25 May (1) Hampton Cr Cove (NS), first record there. **Bobolink**: 7 May (5) Cades Cove, GSMNP (WB). **Purple Finch**: 26 Mar (35) Shady Valley (Todd Eastin), max; thru 2 May (1+) near Milligan College, Carter Co (FJA); 24 May (1) Wilbur L (B&JP), lrs. **Red Crossbill**: 20 Apr - mid May (1-20, at feeder) Erwin (David Caton, photo, fide BKS, m.ob.); 30 Apr (2) Roan Mtn (FJA). **Pine Siskin**: 10 May (47) Roan Mtn (RBB, SGS), max.

*Locations*: Buffalo Mtn - in Washington Co; Elizabethton - in Carter Co; Erwin - in Unicoi Co; GSMNP - Great Smoky Mtns. National Park; Hampton Cr. Cove - in Carter Co; Roan Mtn - in Carter Co; Shady Valley - in Johnson Co; Simmerly Cr. - in Carter Co; South Holston L - in Sullivan Co; Watauga R. & L. - in Carter Co., Wilbur L - in Carter Co.

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